**Teacher Model**

**Love and the Balcony Scene in *Romeo and Juliet***

My experiences have shown me that the love in the balcony scene from *Romeo and Juliet* is not realistic. I do not think people fall in love without knowing the other person. Near the end of the scene, both Romeo and Juliet swear their love after only speaking for a few minutes. Personally, I do not know anyone this has happened to. I also do not think that it is realistic for people who have just met each other to decide to get married immediately. Despite this, Romeo and Juliet make wedding plans for the next day at the end of the scene. In my experience, this rarely happens. The last thing that makes this scene unbelievable for me is the age of the characters. She is only thirteen and he is sixteen. I remember thinking I was in love when I was very young and then later realizing that it was more of a fantasy than a realistic love. The love in the balcony scene does not seem realistic based on my experiences.